

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations
and is not a part of the Official Record

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,
please do not report the images to the
Image Problem Mailbox.**

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

- original
- divisional
- continuation
- continuation-in-part

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

AN APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING TUBULARS USING A TOP DRIVE

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

- is filed herewith
- was filed on _____, under Serial No. _____, executed on even date herewith; or
- Express Mail No.(as Serial No. not yet known) and was amended on _____ (if applicable)
- was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/US9902708 filed on August 16, 1999.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application; namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

- In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, and have also identified below any provisional or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- No such applications have been filed.
 Such applications have been filed as follows:

A. Prior foreign/PCT application(s) filed within 12 mos. (6 mos. for design) prior to this application, and any priority claims under 35 USC §119

<u>Country/PCT</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
GB	9818360.1	24 August 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

B. All foreign application(s), if any, filed more than 12 mos. (6 mos. for design) prior to this U.S. application

<u>Country/PCT</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
--------------------	---------------------------	--------------------

C. U.S. Provisional Application filed within 12 months prior to this application

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
----------------------	--------------------

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 USC §120)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application (namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

- No such applications have been filed.
 Such applications have been filed, as follows:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Patented</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Abandoned</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

B. Todd Patterson	Registration No. 37,906
Raymond R. Moser, Jr.	Registration No. 34,682
Keith M. Tackett	Registration No. 32,008
Douglas H. Elliott	Registration No. 32,982
William B. Patterson	Registration No. 34,102
Phong D. Nguyen	Registration No. 43,833

Send correspondence and direct telephone calls to:

William B. Patterson
 THOMASON, MOSER & PATTERSON, L.L.P.
 3040 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 1500
 Houston, TX 77056
 Telephone: 713/623/4844

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor: Bernd-Georg Pietras

Inventor's signature: Bernd-Georg Pietras Date: 23.04.07

Residence: Sandriedeweg 12
 D-30900 Wedemark
 Germany

Post Office Address: Same as above.

Country of Citizenship: DE

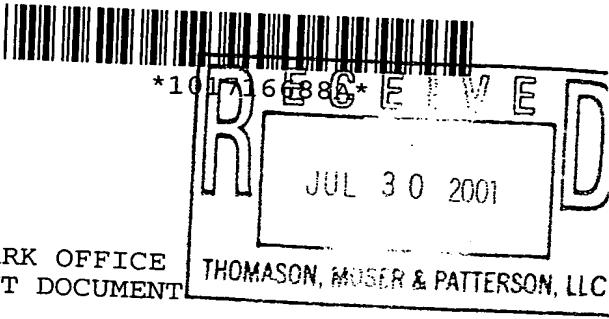


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office
ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER
OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

NP WP

JULY 26, 2001

PTAS
THOMASON, MOSER & PATTERSON, L.L.P.
WILLIAM B. PATTERSON
3040 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 1500
HOUSTON, TX 77056



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
NOTICE OF RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENT DOCUMENT

THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENT HAS BEEN RECORDED BY THE ASSIGNMENT DIVISION OF THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE. A COMPLETE MICROFILM COPY IS AVAILABLE AT THE ASSIGNMENT SEARCH ROOM ON THE REEL AND FRAME NUMBER REFERENCED BELOW.

PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS NOTICE. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THIS RECORDATION NOTICE REFLECTS THE DATA PRESENT IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT SYSTEM. IF YOU SHOULD FIND ANY ERRORS OR HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS NOTICE, YOU MAY CONTACT THE EMPLOYEE WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THIS NOTICE AT 703-308-9723. PLEASE SEND REQUEST FOR CORRECTION TO: U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, ASSIGNMENT DIVISION, BOX ASSIGNMENTS, CG-4, 1213 JEFFERSON DAVIS HWY, SUITE 320, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231.

RECORDATION DATE: 05/10/2001

REEL/FRAME: 011782/0210
NUMBER OF PAGES: 3

BRIEF: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

ASSIGNOR:

PIETRAS, BERND-GEORG

DOC DATE: 04/23/2001

ASSIGNEE:

WEATHERFORD/LAMB, INC.
515 POST OAK BOULEVARD
SUITE 600
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

SERIAL NUMBER: 09762606
PATENT NUMBER:

FILING DATE: 05/21/2001
ISSUE DATE:

SHARON BROOKS, EXAMINER
ASSIGNMENT DIVISION
OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS



101716688

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original document or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Date

BERND-GEORG PIETRAS

April 23, 2001

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.

Internal Address:

RECEIVED

MAY 10 2001

Street Address: 515 Post Oak Boulevard

Suite 600

City: Houston, State: Texas Zip: 77027

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment

Merger

Security Agreement

Change of Name

Other

Execution Date: April 23, 2001

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: _____ (Date of Filing)

A. Patent Application No.(s) 09/762,606

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: William B. Patterson

Internal Address: THOMASON, MOSER & PATTERSON, L.L.P.

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 C.F.R. 3.41) \$ 40.00

Enclosed

Authorized to be charged to deposit account

20-0782MRKS/0028WBP

8. Deposit account number:

20-0782/MRKS/0028/WBP

05/13/2001 DBYRNE 00000081 200782 09762606

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

01 FG 5361 4V.V9 CH

9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Phong D. Nguyen
Name of Person Signing

Signature

5/13/01

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and document: 3

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to:
Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Box Assignments
Washington, D.C. 20231

ASSIGNMENT FOR APPLICATION FOR PATENT

WHEREAS:

Names and Addresses
of Inventors:

1)	BERND-GEORG PIETRAS Sandriedeweg 12 D-309900 Wedemark GERMANY
----	--

(hereinafter referred to as Assignors), have invented a certain invention entitled:

AN APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING TUBULARS USING A TOP DRIVE

for which application for Letters Patent in the United States was filed on February 8, 2001, under Serial No. 09/762,606; and

WHEREAS, Weatherford/Lamb, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 515 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77027 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application (hereinafter referred to as Application), and the invention disclosed therein (hereinafter referred to as Invention), and in and to all embodiments of the Invention, heretofore conceived, made or discovered by said Assignors, and in and to any and all patents, inventor's certificates and other forms of protection (hereinafter referred to as Patents) thereon granted in any and all countries and groups of countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration acknowledged by said Assignors to have been received in full from said Assignee:

1. Said Assignors hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey to Assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest (a) in and to said Application and said Invention; (b) in and to all rights to apply for patents on said Invention in any and all countries pursuant to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or otherwise; (c) in and to any and all Applications filed and any and all Patents granted on said Invention in any and all countries and groups of countries, including each and every Application filed and each and every Patent granted on any application which is a division, substitution, or continuation of said Application; and (d) in and to each and every reissue or extension of any of said Patents.

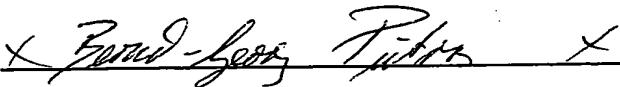
2. Said Assignors hereby covenant and agree to cooperate with said Assignee to enable said Assignee to enjoy to the fullest extent the right, title and interest to said Invention herein conveyed in any and all countries and groups of countries. Such cooperation by said Assignors shall include prompt production of pertinent facts and documents, giving testimony, execution of petitions, oaths, specifications, declarations or other papers, and other assistance all to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by said Assignee (a) for perfecting in said Assignee the right, title and interest herein conveyed; (b) for prosecuting any of said applications; (c) for filing and prosecuting substitute, divisional, continuing or additional applications covering said Invention; (d) for filing and prosecuting applications for reissuance of any of said Patents; (e) for interference or other priority proceedings involving said Invention; and (f) for legal proceedings involving said Invention and any application therefor and any Patents granted thereon, including without limitation opposition proceedings, cancellation proceedings, priority contests, public use proceedings, infringement actions and court actions; provided, however, that the expense incurred by said

Assignors in providing such cooperation shall be paid for by said Assignee.

3. The term and covenants of this agreement shall inure to the benefit of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon said Assignors, their respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

4. Said Assignors hereby warrant and represent that they have not entered and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Assignors have executed and delivered this instrument to said Assignee on the dates indicated below.

1) 23.04.01, 2001 
BERND-GEORG PIETRAS